



Catholic Church

JANUARY 14, 2023

THE SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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SMALL GROUPS SERVE A BIG MISSION IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

Michael Griffin, Director of Social Ministry

We have just finished the Incarnation season of Advent/Christmas celebrating the coming of God's love through remembering the very vulnerable path of the birth of Jesus in a barn, while also remembering the promise that Christ will come again! Soon, our liturgical journey will have us at the start of the Paschal season of Lent/Easter to deepen our embrace of God's love through the mystery of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. These annual threads form a whole fabric of faith in our lives as individuals and as a community here in the heart of the city.

Whether you are new to the guidance of the liturgical cycles, or have been part of this rhythm for decades, the opportunity for what is new, to also be renewed, is an important foundation for followers of Jesus Christ. It was a similar approach to my report cards as a young student. No matter my marks, there was a parental view that said, "there's always room for improvement." This was not to shame what I had accomplished. It was an invitation and challenge to enter into the next semester of study by using my gifts and what I had learned to learn even more. I didn't always care for this advice growing up, but like many such matters, it had a lot of wisdom when I look back.

All of us that gather under the banner of Saint Olaf Catholic Church in downtown Minneapolis might consider the notion,

"there's always room for improvement" when looking at our faith life. To help in this regard, the parish has been working to set up an opportunity to join others connected with Saint Olaf to form small faith-sharing groups beginning this Lent. Ash Wednesday is also Valentine's Day, February 14, so this effort will have a heart-felt kickoff!

The birth of this current vision for small groups came from the feedback of thousands of people across this Archdiocese who participated in the synod listening sessions a while back. Archbishop Hebda reflected deeply on the many comments, which had been placed in categories and prioritized based on the number of times items were shared.

From this reflection he wrote a pastoral letter, *You Will Be My Witnesses: Gathered and Sent* from the Upper Room, to set forth a vision for St Paul/Minneapolis. In the letter he emphasized three core expressions of God's love from the liturgical seasons we celebrate; The washing of feet from Holy Thursday, the centrality of celebrating the Eucharist, and Pentecost - the birth of the Church. The letter may be found at, www.archspm.org/synodletter/. He called for small groups across the Archdiocese.

The birth of Saint Olaf nearly 83 years ago has put these three expressions

into practice through the generations of faithful people with the parish mission "to serve as a living sign of Christ's saving presence in the heart of the city." A 10-person leadership group has helped train and form a group of over 20 facilitators who are ready to help convene and support small groups here at Saint Olaf beginning in Lent. **The current schedule for small groups includes; Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00pm, Thursdays, 12:30-2:00pm, and Saturdays, 10:00-11:30am. Sign up begins after all Masses this weekend, January 13/14. There will also be an online registration on the parish website, www.SaintOlaf.org.**

The small groups will include time for prayer, a reflection/teaching component, and faith-sharing. No experience is necessary! Just bring your interest in connecting with others from Saint Olaf and an openness to grow.

We all have God-given gifts to discover and share, parts of life needing healing, or to show mercy and forgiveness towards others. We have all walked in broken places, but maybe need a reminder that Jesus and a community can walk with you. In the company of others, we can explore a deeper understanding of familiar gospel stories, and share God's love with the wider community. Make room for improvement and join a small group this Lent!



EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

**RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY SEMI-BOLD ITALICS*

Jan 14: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19, **Ps 40**, 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20, Jn 1:35-42
Jan 21: Jon 3:1-5,10, **Ps 25**, 1 Cor 7:29-31, Mk 1:14-20

PRAY SAINT OLAF SUNDAY MASS ON MCN CH 6

Pray our Sunday 10:00am Mass on MCN Cable TV Channel 6 on Sunday evenings at 8:00pm and replayed on Mondays at 10:00am. Saint Olaf also live streams our Monday-Friday 12:00Noon Mass and our Sunday 10:00am Mass on YouTube: youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live.

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL WRAPPING IT UP

As we start into 2024, we are wrapping up the Annual Stewardship Renewal period. If you have not yet taken the time to review your plan for sharing your gifts with Saint Olaf in 2024, please do so now. Sharing your intentions helps us plan for the upcoming year and make the best use of your gifts given to serve our mission. Thank you for discerning how you are called to **PRAY ~ SERVE ~ SHARE** as *Stewards in the Heart of the City*.

JANUARY SCRIPTURE STUDY

All are welcome to join in a weekly scripture study on Thursday mornings at 11:00am in January. We will review and discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings. Come for one session, come for them all – we will meet in Forliti Gathering Room on January 4, 11, 18, and 25.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP NEW YEAR, NEW SERIES!

Celebrate your faith in the first weeks of 2024 with a journey through the Sacraments! The Saint Olaf Young Adult Group will meet Tuesdays starting January 9 at 5:45pm in the Forliti Gathering Room. Parishioners and guests in their 20s and 30s welcomed! Scan the QR code to join our Facebook group.



SMALL GROUP SIGN UP IS HERE!

Small Group Faith Sharing is coming to Saint Olaf starting in Lent 2024. Our small group sign up kick off is January 13/14. The Small Group initiative is part of the Archdiocesan Synod and now moves to be centered in the individual parishes. Through this small group process, we will discern how we at Saint Olaf are called to serve in the heart of the city.

You Will Be My Witnesses



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

SMALL GROUP SIGNUP WEEKEND

12:00Noon Mass
12:30pm Confessions
12:30pm Rosary - Chapel
4:00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

SMALL GROUP SIGNUP WEEKEND

6:00am Mass
8:00am Mass
10:00am Mass+
12:00Noon Mass
4:00pm Mass

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

*MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED, BUILDING
CLOSED AFTER 12:00NOON MASS*

7:00am Mass - Chapel
7:30am Confessions
12:00Noon Mass (No Live Stream)
12:00Noon AA Meeting - Edu Rm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00am Mass - Chapel
7:30am Confessions
12:00Noon Mass+
12:30pm Confessions
5:45pm Young Adult Group – Forliti Gathering Rm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00am Mass - Chapel
7:00am AA Meeting - Edu Rm
7:30am Confessions
11:30am Nicotine Anonymous Meeting – Edu Rm
12:00Noon Mass+
12:30pm Organ Recital - Stacie Lightner
6:30pm Parish Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm Women's Bible Study – Forliti Gathering Rm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

7:00am Mass - Chapel
7:30am Confessions
11:00am Bible Study - Forliti Gathering Rm
12:00Noon Mass+
12:30pm Confessions
6:30pm Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) - Edu Rm
6:30pm From Age to Age (FATA) Rehearsal

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
7:00am Mass
7:30am Confessions
10:00am Saint Olaf Craftworks Ministry – Forliti Gathering Rm
11:00am Adoration
12:00Noon Mass+

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

12:00Noon Mass
12:30pm Confessions
12:30pm Rosary - Chapel
4:00pm Vigil Mass - Celebrate! The Mature Adults - Ages 41-50 after Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

CELEBRATE! THE MATURE ADULTS - AGES 41-50. AFTER ALL MASSES.

6:00am Mass
8:00am Mass
10:00am Mass+
11:00am Sacramental Prep - Fleming Hall
12:00Noon Mass
1:15pm Secular Franciscan Group Meeting - Edu Rm
4:00pm Mass

MCCL MARCH FOR LIFE AT 12:00NOON, MONDAY JANUARY 22 ON THE CAPITOL STEPS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT MCCL.ORG/MARCH

- Building closes at 5:30pm Monday - Friday.
 - Offices are open until 4:30pm Monday-Thursday
 - Chapel is open for private prayer Monday – Friday, 7:30am – 5:30pm
- + LIVE STREAMED

ANNUAL BUDGET

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Dec 25 - 31	\$106,495	\$99,580	\$6,915
YTD through Week #27	\$797,554	\$762,997	\$34,557
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP WEEK #7 - 12/29/23	PLEDGED \$501,866	RESPONDENTS 222	% OF PARISH 19.30%

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf!